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SUBJECT: SVN CONSULTATIVE GROUP

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1. CHARGE AND ECONOMIC- COMMERCIAL MINISTER RAISED QUESTION OF ITALIAN PARTICIPATION IN IBRD- SPONSORED CONSULTATIVE GROUP WITH RICCIULLI, ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ON APRIL 19. AS NOTED REF C, MOST GOI POLICY-LEVEL OFFICIALS ARE ACCOMPANYING PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI ON HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

2. RICCIULLI FOLLOWED CAREFULLY EXPOSITION BASED ON REF B, WHICH
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CONCLUDED WITH AFFIRMATION OF US SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED CONSULTATIVE GROUP AND EXPRESSION OF OUR STRONG HOPE THAT ITALIAN RESPONSE TO IBRD APPROACH WOULD BE POSITIVE. RICCIULLI SHOWED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR PRESENTATION US GOVT VIEWS AND FOR ADVANCE NOTICE THAT GOI WILL IN ALL PROBABILITY BE INVITED TO JOIN CONSULTATIVE GROUP.

3. RICCIULLI SAID THAT, GIVEN BAD ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN ITALY, IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR GOI TO AGREE TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE COMMITMENTS AT THIS TIME. HE IS WORRIED IN PARTICULAR ABOUT THE REACTION OF THE TREASURY (PRELIMINARY NEGATIVE REACTION REPORTED IN OUR 2753 NOTAL). THIS, HE FEARED, TOGETHER WITH DIFFICULTIES WHICH GOI IN PRESENT POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES IS EXPERIENCING IN MAKING HARD DECISIONS, LED HIM TO CONCLUSION THAT AT THIS MOMENT ALL HE COULD DO IS UNDERTAKE TO CONVEY SITUATION AND US VIEWS TO RELEVANT PARTIES WITHIN GOI INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER MEDICI. (NOTE: MEDICI IS ACCOMPANYING THE PRIME MINISTER TO JAPAN AND WILL NOT RETURN TO ROME UNTIL APRIL 28.) BEAUDRY

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